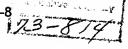
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Request of Joint Committee on Atomic Energy for NIE 11-14 (Warsaw Pact Forces for Operations in Eurasia)

- 1. Several weeks ago Ed Bauser, Executive Director of the Joint Committee, asked that NIE 11-14 be made available to the Committee staff in connection with a study in which they were then engaged. This Estimate (copy attached) deals with such atomic energy matters as "Nuclear Warhead Storage in Eastern Europe," "Nuclear War in Europe," "Low-Yield Tactical Nuclear Weapons," and "Nuclear Support of Soviet Theater Force." I believe these sections contain sufficient information of interest to the Committee to fall within the meaning of those provisions of the Atomic Energy Act requiring that such material be provided the Committee on request.
- 2. In the past we have regularly provided the Committee with Estimates on the Soviet Atomic Energy Program (NIE 11-2) and such other Estimates containing atomic energy information as:

SNIE 11-10-67, US Intelligence Capabilities to Monitor Certain Limitations on Soviet Strategic Weapons Programs

NIE 4-68, The Clandestine Introduction of Weapons of Mass Destruction into the U.S.

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SNIE 13-10-68, Communist China's ICBM and Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile Programs

SNIE 13-8-69, Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program

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- 3. Commenting on the problem John Huizenga notes that "Is it impossible to satisfy the Joint Committee's request by excerpting the few passages which deal with nuclear weapons? If we provide materials going well beyond the Committee's charter-in effect acknowledge a claim to all NIEs on military subject matter-we have little basis for refusing the same documents to other committees."
- 4. Ed Proctor comments that "Although I see no <u>substantive</u> problem with complying with the request, I share Huizenga's concern that this may open the door to requests for all military estimates. As I understand the law, we cannot refuse the request. I feel that sending only the nuclear parts of the estimate would cause more problems than it is worth."
- 5. My judgment is that, if pressed, we could ill-afford to refuse the Committee's request. However, has recently told us unofficially that the issue may now be dead and he suggests we forget it unless Bauser raises it again. Therefore, we plan to take no action unless you direct otherwise, but I thought you should be aware of the above facts in the event Bauser or some Committee member should raise them with you.

John M. Maury

Legislative Counsel

Attachment: NIE 11-14

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